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CITY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS OF FOOD BANK CHARITY FRAUD

City Attorney's Office Requests Assistance from the Public

San Diego, CA: The City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit in the Criminal Division has launched a probe into the alleged illegal selling of Food Bank donations by questionable charities.

The City Attorney is asking for assistance from the public regarding any information related to the unlawful sale of these donations. The public can call the City Attorney's Consumer Helpline: 619-533-5600.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre said, "San Diegans will not tolerate any type of fraud that hurts the most vulnerable residents of our City."

The City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit has the authority to file both criminal and civil cases.

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